

State Charter School Commission
Intent to Submit a Charter School Application

Proposed Charter School Name: Maine Connections Academy (MECA)

Proposed School Location: Scarborough

Proposed Grade Levels: K-12 (1st year 3-8)

School Program Design: *Please attach a brief description (150 words or less) including any anticipated contract with an education service provider. See attached description*

Target Population:

Students throughout the state of Maine who would benefit from a non-traditional public school environment including children who are in rural communities and lack access to school options; children who are far ahead of or far behind their peers in school, including students at risk of academic failure and those coping with social issues who may particularly benefit from personalized instruction; young people pursuing artistic or athletic careers or career development opportunities that require a flexible schedule; children who are homebound due to illness or disability; and students with special learning needs.

Projected Enrollment Year 1: 300 Projected Total Enrollment: 3,000

Anticipated opening date: September 2012

Contact Person: Amy Volk

Relationship to Applicant Entity: Board Member

Name of Applicant Organization:

Maine Connections Academy, Inc.

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This indicates our intention to submit an application in response to the RFP issued by the State Charter School Commission. I understand that this document is not part of the application, but that I must provide this document to the Commission within 15 days of the issue of the RFP if I wish to submit an application.

Signature: Amy F. Volk Date: 5/14/12

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Maine Connections Academy's (MECA) mission is to leverage 21st century education resources on behalf of students who need a more personalized approach to learning. MECA will reach students for whom a cutting-edge virtual approach provides the very best pathway to school success through a uniquely individualized learning program that combines the best in virtual education with very real connections among students, family, teachers, and the community to promote academic and emotional success for every learner.

Maine Connections Academy will embody multiple hallmarks of excellence: a rigorous, proven K – 12 curriculum that is aligned to state and national standards; Maine certified teachers; an education management system designed specifically for this environment to provide 360-degree accountability through comprehensive data collection, analysis and reporting; and use of a nationally recognized virtual school program through Connections Education, the education service provider the Board is anticipating contracting with for educational products and services.